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News From Our Soldier Boys

LeVeque, Whalen Also Goes Into Germany

C.P. Whalen is in the receipt of the following very interesting letter under date of November 26, from his brother, LeVeque Whalen, who is with the 6th Marines and has been right in the hardest fighting done by the American forces:

‘This is the first chance that I had since we ceased scrapping to write as we have been following Fritzies retreat and now we are in Luxemburg about one hundred yards from Germany.

We are resting ere a few days so I am trying to catch up with correspondence. You know I would like to let you know that your kid brother saw it through and received an honorable mention and I guess will get a chance to return to the State all O.K. That will be a great day for me because I sure have seen a lot of things over here.

We have been marching for several days. I am driving a ‘FORD’. Also have a motorcycle to take care of. I went through Belgium and Luxemburg—A very beautiful country. My division like the Second fought right up to 11:00 o’clock, November 11.

Just a year ago now, or thereabout, I was at your bed-side and since then I have seen a world of things. You asked me if I had ever seen any of the ‘Hun Kultur.’ (Can a fish swim?) That is my answer. That is all that I have seen since the first of June. Towns are literally torn to pieces. I have had the chance to see Rheims. The Catedral must have been beautiful in its days, now it is torn to bits, however it still stands erect.

You asked me to tell you about what I have been in. My first trip over the top was in the Bois de Belleau. You can get more dope than I can tell out of the Saturday Evening Post, dated August 30. I also took part in the Soissons drive. (By the way I received a citation from doing a little stunt in that battle. Guess some one saw me do the hundred in nothing flat. But at that I might get a D. S. C out of

it. Then I was in the St. Menehoueld drive. (Guess that is spelled right)

Since that I cannot state what I have been in but I will say this much that I have been in some hot places. Fritz got the bead on me one day here of late and I sure had to step on the old Bus to get out of range. Believe me, kid, I can show speed when I have to.

The Y. M. C. A., you can take from me, are doing their bit if any one is. I have seen them working several times under easy range from German artillery, however, they are cool about it and go ahead giving out cigarettes and hot drinks to the unfortunate wounded. The K. of C. is also doing a wonderful work.”

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